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**VIA, ELECTRONIC MAIL AND ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd,  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director,  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Re:   • Docket 2019-226-E (DESC’s IRP)  
      • **Request for Information**

Ms. Boyd:

The undersigned represents the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc., (“SCSBA”), in Docket 2019-226-E. Please share this Request with the Commissioners.

Please consider the following. The Hearing in the above-referenced Docket is currently scheduled to begin on September 21, 2020. I am informed that the election of new Commissioners is currently scheduled to be held on September 23, 2020, by a joint session of the South Carolina General Assembly, and that the new Commissioners will be seated quickly thereafter. Given those two dates, it appears that the “new Commissioners” will not be in office on the first day of the DESC IRP Hearing, as currently scheduled, and that the Commission may not have a quorum of Commissioners that participated in the Hearing and who are eligible to vote on the DESC IRP.

Accordingly, will you inquire of the Commissioners, based on the above, if the Commissioners are planning to reschedule the September 21, 2020 starting date of the Hearing? To the extent that the Hearing will be delayed and rescheduled to accommodate these developments, it may also be appropriate to revise the remaining procedural schedule for this proceeding, which includes a filing deadline for Intervenor Testimony on July 10, 2020. Because of the importance of this Hearing, and the logistics of having several Expert Witnesses available, it will be helpful for all parties to have clarity on the starting date of the Hearing, as well as any implication for the existing procedural schedule.

All parties of record are copied hereon, and this Request is,

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Richard L. Whitt

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cc: All parties of record in Docket 2019-226-E, *via electronic mail*